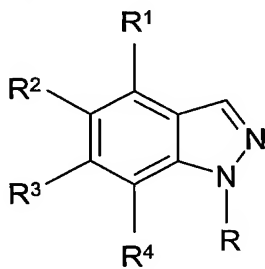


## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) A method of making a 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole comprising:  
(a) nitrosation and reduction-cyclization of a 2-alkylaminobenzonitrile to  
form a 1-alkyl-3-aminoindazole; and  
(b) deamination of the 1-alkyl-3-aminoindazole to form a  
1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole. ~~The method of Claim 2 wherein the 1-~~  
~~(hydroxyalkyl)indazole has is of~~ the formula:



wherein R is a C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> (hydroxy)alkyl group optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, OR<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, or with one or more F atoms;

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently H, F, Cl, Br, CF<sub>3</sub>, OH, OR<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, N<sub>3</sub>, SH, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>5</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, COOH, COOR<sup>5</sup>, CON(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, COOH, COOR<sup>5</sup>, CON(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, CN, OR<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, or N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>; or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> as herein defined taken together form a ring;

R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, (dimethylamino)phenyl, methoxy, ethoxy, benzyloxy, or with one or more F atoms, or R<sup>5</sup> is phenyl, methoxyphenyl, or (dimethylamino)phenyl; and

n = 0, 1, or 2.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein R is a C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> (hydroxyl)alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, OR<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, or with one or more F atoms; R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently H, F, Cl, CF<sub>3</sub>, OR<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, COOR<sup>5</sup>, CON(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, COOR<sup>5</sup>, CON(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, CN, OR<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)R<sup>5</sup>, or N(R<sup>5</sup>)C(=O)OR<sup>5</sup>; or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> as herein defined taken together form a ring, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> as herein defined taken together form a ring; R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl, methoxyphenyl, methoxy, benzyloxy, or with one or more F atoms.

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)